Training Advisory Committee: Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2021
Online Meeting (via Teams)

Committee Members Present: Chair: Lt. Steve Coote, VSP; Vice Chair: Sgt. Jason Covey, Middlebury Police; Sgt. Fred Whitcomb, Stowe Police; Sheriff Jennifer Harlow, Orleans CSD; Sgt. Andrew Bent, Washington CSD; Sgt. Dan Delgado, Burlington Police; Chief Derrick Tienken, Winhall Police; Cpl. Adam Murach, Brandon Police; Chief George Merkel, Vergennes Police; Lt. Robert Giolito, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles; Commander Greg Sheldon, Rutland Police; Commissioner Michael Schirling, Vermont Dept. of Public Safety; Director of Professional Development Heather Simons, Vermont Dept. of Corrections; Tammy Boudah, Governor Appointee to the CJC; Maira Tungatarova, Governor Appointee to the CJC; Brian Searles, Governor Appointee to the CJC; Major Justin Stedman, Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Others Present:
VCJC Council Chair, William Sorrell; VCJC Interim Executive Director, William Sheets; VCJTC Director of Training, Cindy Taylor-Patch; VCJC LECTC's Leslie Bodette and Andrew Graham.

Regrets: Chief Skyler Genest, VT DLC; Sgt. Chad Barrett, Vermont Fish & Wildlife; Christopher Louras, Governor Appointee to the CJC.

Meeting was called to order at 0903 hours by LT Coote.

Welcome messages given by LT Coote, Executive Director Sheets, Chair Sorrell. All committee members, new and existing, gave a brief introduction.

Lt. Coote and Director Taylor-Patch provided background information about work the committee has done and briefly discussed projects moving forward (entrance testing, leadership and supervisory training, tactical-medical training, curriculum review, and review of field training program). Working groups will evolve as needs arise.

Introductory meeting only. No action taken.

Sgt. Covey made a motion to adjourn at 0955; seconded by Chief Merkel.